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WICHITA, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGE

WICHITA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Benjamin S. Hess**, 21, Wichita, Kansas, was sentenced on Monday, August 25, 2003, by U.S. District Judge Monti L. Belot to **twenty-seven months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release.**

Hess entered a guilty plea on June 9, 2003, to one count of possession of child pornography.

Melgren said that Hess admitted at his plea that on February 20, 2003, U.S. Postal Inspectors executed a search warrant at his residence and found child pornography on Hess' computer that he had obtained from the internet. Hess admitted that he routinely searched the internet for child pornography.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger in this prosecution.